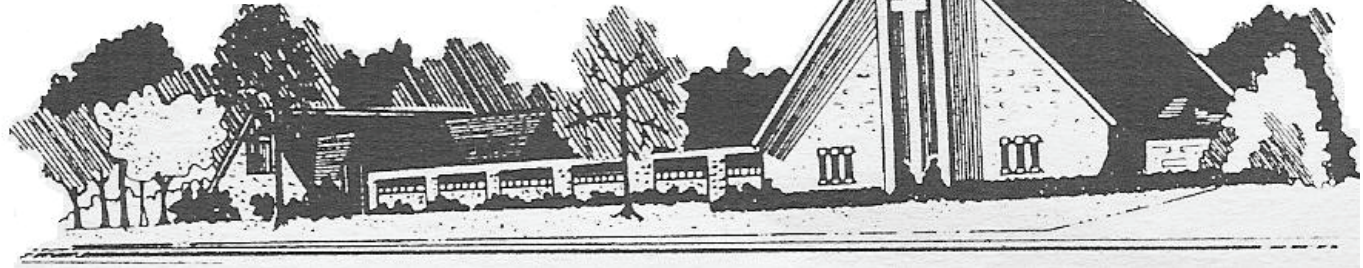


# OAKS NOTES

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*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*



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## A Note from Pastor Don

This past Saturday, I went to the Miranda Lambert

concert in the Woodlands with my daughter, Kelsey. We had a great time listening to some wonderful music, sitting in the grass while enjoying the great weather. I couldn't have asked for more.

Towards the end of the concert, Miranda Lambert explained how she grew up in a little house in Lindale, Texas, singing in front of the mirror with a hair brush in her hand, hoping and praying to God that someday, her dream would come true. And now, here she was, in front of thousands of people with more than a hair brush in her hand, doing what she always wanted to do.

She went on to say that it doesn't matter how old you are and it doesn't matter if you have any special skills or none at all. It doesn't matter if you're big or small; quiet or loud; think you're pretty or not. If you have a dream, believe in it,

and work hard at making that dream come true. It can happen.

Now, I don't know if that's 100 percent theologically correct, but there is a message there. And here at the Oaks, we have a dream about what this church should and can become. It doesn't matter if we are the most well known being in this place or the quiet little mouse who feels like no one even knows their name. As long as we believe and work hard to make it happen, it will happen. We just need to pray that the Lord will lead the music and show us where we need to go... and He will bless us!

We can't sit around say-


ing, "We're too small. We're too old. It's too late!" For then I believe that what we say will come true! And that's not the dream God desires for us. We need to be like that little girl with the hair brush, singing in the mirror, believing anything can happen... for it will when the power of the Holy Spirit leads the way.

Who knows what our next act will be! See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Don





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CWF @ 10 am	2 Handbells @ 6 pm; Choir @ 7 pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday-School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	7	8 Prayer Circle @ 9:30 am CWF @ 10 am	9 Handbells @ 6 pm; Choir @ 7 pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am; Board Meeting @ 6 p.m.	14	15 CWF @ 10 am	16 Handbells @ 6 pm; Choir @ 7 pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	21	22 CWF @ 10 am	23 Handbells @ 6 pm; Choir @ 7 pm	24 General Mtg w/ Study @ 6 pm	25	26 Community Lunch @ 12-2 pm
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 am ; Worship @ 10:45 am; Trunk-or-Treat @ 5-7 pm	28	29 CWF @ 10 am	30 Handbells @ 6 pm; Choir @ 7 pm	31 	<i>*Bible Study to resume again in mid-October. We will up- date you with the times and dates later this month!</i>	

### Happy October Birthdays!

10/1 Elizabeth Wharton  
10/6 Bettie Bell, Larry Scruggs  
10/12 Michael Spencer  
10/15 Crissa Clawson  
10/19 Mark E. Conover,  
Roy Horn, Jimmie Saldivar  
10/21 Richard Castillo  
10/22 Kathryn Whitley  
10/24 Richard Smith

### October Anniversaries:

10/11 Matt & Christen Scantlin  
10/21 Roy and Marceil Horn  
10/27 George and JoNell Hajovsky

### Thank You!

We want to thank those who donated school supplies to Stevens Elementary. Teachers and students at Stevens were very excited to receive their new things!

We also want to thank everyone who worked to make the Rummage Sale a success. The final total was \$1,038! All proceeds benefited the church's missions funds.



Don and Pat Whitley, on behalf of Oaks, presented the donations last month to Mrs. Enriquez at Stevens Elementary.

### LET US KNOW!

If there are events, meetings, or stories you would like to see in the October newsletter, please let us know! E-mail the church secretary, Holly Leger, at [oakscchouston@aol.com](mailto:oakscchouston@aol.com).

Please send in all information before  
**Monday, October 21, 2013!**

### From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2013	2013 JUNE	2013 JULY	2013 AUGUST
Deposits	\$10,081.90	\$11,145.00	\$8,352.50
Disbursements	\$10,436.42	\$10,405.28	\$10,897.03
Difference	(\$354.52)	\$739.72	(\$2,544.53)



# TIME FOR TRUNK-OR-TREATING

## Oaks to Offer a Safe Spin on Halloween Fun, Food

The words “trick-or-treat,” are rewarded with more than just free candy at Oaks Christian Church during Halloween.

Kids may want to leave space in their candy bucket for a hot dog, a bag of chips, and a drink, too.

A free meal is just part of the Trunk-or-Treat festivities available at the Oaks this Halloween season.

During Trunk-or-Treat, church members park their cars in the church parking lot, open their Halloween-decorated trunk, and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters in the community.

Along with the traditional trick-or-treating, children will also have the opportunity to get their faces painted and watch a showing of “Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin.”

Church Member Barb Scantlin said Trunk-or-Treat offers families a chance

to celebrate Halloween in an inclusive, trustworthy environment.

“We’re a church, and so it’s a safe place to be,” Scantlin said, “and a little entertainment for the kids for Halloween.”

Jimmye Saldivar, a member of the church, as well as a grandmother, said the trunk-or-treat option is also easier. Instead of walking from street to street in a neighborhood, families can travel to just one

parking lot and still get all the benefits of Halloween fun.

“The kids have a great time and so do we adults,” she said. “I would much rather watch my grandson’s expressions while enjoying themselves than going house to house in the dark.”

In order to make the event fun for kids, Scantlin said the church will need “trunks.” If members are interested in decorating their trunk and passing out candy, they can contact the church office at 713-688-7761 or at [oakscchouston@aol.com](mailto:oakscchouston@aol.com).

Trunk-or-Treat will take place on Sunday, October 27 from 5-7 PM.



*Dorene Drake opened her trunk with candy and a game in 2012.*

# Walking to End Community Hunger

Oaks Christian Church can expect to hear the squeaking of tennis shoes at Sunday’s service on November 3.

As soon as worship ends that day, a team from the church will head straight to the Art Park near downtown to walk 1-3 miles for the 2013 Houston CROP Hunger Walk.

CROP Hunger Walk, a national event led by Church World Service (CWS), takes place annually in over 2,000 communities to raise money and awareness for world hunger.

Each participating city is given 25 percent of the money raised in their community to support local hunger-



*The 2012 CROP Hunger Walk team from Oaks.*

alleviating efforts in their own areas.

Church member Pat Whitley said the event is a great opportunity for people to follow Christ in an active way.

“Jesus said to feed his sheep,” she

said, “and that’s what we’re doing with the crop walk.”

Walkers can choose between a 5K route or the “Golden Mile.” Either way, Whitley said with the coolness of November and the beauty of the bayou area, the walk is guaranteed to be a pleasant one.

“The paths are really nice. It’s really

pretty down there,” Whitley said. “People get out and enjoy it.”

In order to raise money for the cause, participants in each community will ask friends and family for donations to support their walk. Whitley said she will hand out information and donation envelopes this month to those who are interested in being part of the team in November.

Members who can’t make it to the event can still donate to the cause on the CROP Hunger Walk website at [www.hunger.cwsglobal.org](http://www.hunger.cwsglobal.org).

Whitley said she hopes Oaks can generate another good team this year to participate in the walk and support the cause to end world hunger.

“We’d love for people to come,” she said. “It’s fun. It’s a good bonding experience.”

She has just one small warning for those willing to walk:

“Wear comfy shoes!”

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The CWF ladies will be baking cookies as a money maker this year. They will bake only for the orders they receive, so don't wait too long! Just think, if you buy cookies from CWF, you won't have to make your own this holiday season! They are selling them in increments of a dozen an order. If paying with a check, please make it out to CWF. Order forms can be found in the church bulletins this month. Cookies will be delivered December 8, 2013.



## WE SPOTTED YOU AT THE OAKS!



*Love Meals*



*Break Time!*



*Rummage Sale*



*Blankets*



*Bible Study*